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# The effects of abortion.

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## Physical effects.

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- Sterility
- Miscarriages
- Ectopic pregnancies
- Stillbirths
- Menstrual disturbances
- Bleeding
- Infections
- Shock
- Coma
- Perforated uterus
- Peritonitis
- Passing blood clots
- Fever/cold sweats
- Intense pain
- Loss of other organs

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"My doctor didn't tell me about the possible profuse bleeding and infection that lasted for weeks. And he never said anything about the possibility of the hysterectomy I had to have eight months later."

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- Crying/sighing
- Insomnia
- Loss of appetite
- Weight loss
- Exhaustion
- Constant swallowing
- Nervousness
- Decreased work capacity
- Vomiting
- Gastro-intestinal disturbances
- Frigidity

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## Psychological effects.

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- Guilt
- Suicidal impulses
- Sense of loss
- Unfulfillment
- Mourning
- Regret and remorse
- Withdrawal
- Loss of confidence in decision making capability
- Lower self esteem
- Preoccupation with death
- Hostility
- Self destructive behavior
- Anger/rage
- Despair
- Helplessness
- Desire to remember death date
- Preoccupation with "would be" due date or birth month

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"No one ever told me I would live with this decision for the rest of my life. It's been several years, but my grief continues"

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- Intent interest in babies
- Thwarted maternal instincts
- Hatred for anyone connected with abortion
- Desire to end relationship with partner
- Loss of interest in sex
- Inability to forgive self
- Feeling of dehumanization
- Nightmares
- Seizures/tremors
- Frustration
- Feelings of being exploited
- Child abuse

*Are you experiencing the effects of a previous abortion? We can help!*  
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